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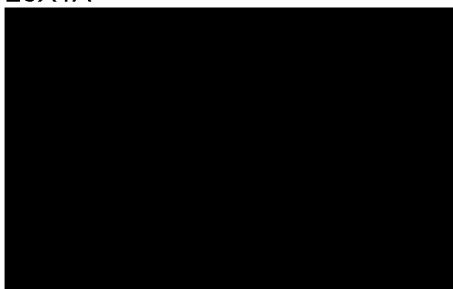
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Minutes of the Meeting of 17 February 1950
ORE Committee on International Communism

20 February 1950

Present were:-

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1. The Committee considered D/PUB's suggestion for a paper on the subject of deviationism in Communist parties all over the world. As has been previously indicated, the members of the Committee, after consultation with their respective divisions, felt that basic research and collection of material on deviationism should be done by OIR, Department of State, and that only coordination and evaluation of the collected material should be done by CIA. The members felt that this position has not changed; however, they emphasized that there is a definite need for a report on deviationism.

2. The Committee concluded that in order to produce this paper, three steps should be undertaken: (a) more facts and figures should be gathered by US missions overseas and by OSO, (b) research by appropriate bureaus of the Department of State should be undertaken, and (c) the entire documentation of material available should be submitted to the ORE Committee for evaluation.

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3. [REDACTED] D/LA, suggested that the Committee should consider an intelligence report on Communist strength. While the Committee members agreed to take this suggestion under advisement, [REDACTED] called the Committee's attention to the Check List of Soviet War Preparations. The members were requested to pay particular attention to this Check List as it applies to international Communist activities. [REDACTED] D/NE, suggested that a list of categories be made available to the members of the Committee for dissemination in their respective divisions as a guide for observation. [REDACTED] agreed that a list of categories will be sent but called attention to the fact that all problems connected with the Check List should be treated as Top Secret and that dissemination of the list be limited strictly to those desks which will need the list to fulfill its requirements.

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